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SUMMARY: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALLON, SPEAKING IN TEL AVIV
FEB 6, DISCUSSED ISRAELI POSITIONS RE EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN,
AND EXPECTATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. END
SUMMARY.

1. DEPPRIMIN ALLON, ADDRESSING GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
CENTER MEETING FEB 6, GAVE BROAD REVIEW OF CURRENT GOI
POLICY ON MAJOR NEGOTIATING ISSUES AS WELL AS HIS OWN VIEWS
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ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. MAIN POINTS, AS SUMMARIZED BY GOI

OFFICIAL RELEASE AND JERUSALEM POST, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. EGYPT. ALLON CHARACTERIZED DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AS "FIRST SIGNIFICANT NEGOTIATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND AN ARAB STATE SINCE 1949." HE TRUSTED THAT EGYPTIANS REALIZED THAT ANOTHER WAR WOULD RESULT IN HEAVY EGYPTIAN CASUALTIES, AND STRESSED THAT THREAT OF SCUD MISSILES AIMED AT ISRAELI CITIES SHOULD NOT BE EXAGGERATED. COMMENTING ON DETERRENT BALANCE, ALLON SAID THAT EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB STATES SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THEIR VULNERABILITY. AS TO GOE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WILL NOT GO TO GENEVA WITHOUT SYRIA, ALLON SAID, "THEREBY THEY WOULD PUNISH THEMSELVES, FOR WE STILL HOLD 95 PERCENT OF SINAI."

3. SYRIA. ALLON STRONGLY REJECTED CHARGES THAT GOI HAD CHANGED ITS POSITION ON POW ISSUE (REFTEL). "WE DO NOT INTEND TO TURN THE PRISONERS INTO ONE OF THE FACTORS IN NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING CONDITIONS FOR THE SEPARATION OF FORCES. UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION, AND BY ELEMENTARY HUMANE STANDARDS, SYRIA IS OBLIGED TO REPATRIATE THE WOUNDED PRISONERS AT ONCE AND WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS, AND TO SUBMIT A LIST OF OTHER PRISONERS, WHOM THE RED CROSS MUST BE ALLOWED TO VISIT IN ORDER TO INSPECT THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY ARE BEING HELD. WE CONSIDER COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ELEMENTARY DEMAND A PART OF THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENT. ONCE WE SHALL HAVE ENTERED INTO NEGOTIATIONS, THE MATTER OF THE PRISONERS WILL NOT BE A BARGAINING POINT."

4. GOLAN HEIGHTS. AS REGARDS STATUS OF GOLAN HEIGHTS SETTLERS, ALLON SAID, "YOU NEED FEEL NO CONCERN OVER THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, IF AND WHEN IT WILL BE SIGNED. THE AGREEMENT WILL NOT WEAKEN ISRAEL'S STRATEGIC HOLD ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. NOW NEED THE BORDER SETTLEMENTS IN OTHER SECTORS BE CONCERNED OR ALARMED, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAS, FROM THE VERY START, PURSUED A POLICY OF TERRITORIAL SELECTIVITY. THE SETTLEMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED WITH A VIEW TO THEIR STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE. THEY ARE ALSO CONSIDERED A LEVER IN THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE FOR THE FIXATION OF DEFENSIBLE BORDERS. IN THIS SELECTIVE POLICY, THE GOVERNMENT WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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GUIDED BY CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS WHICH ARE APT TO STRENGTHEN OUR STRATEGIC POSITION, AT THE SAME TIME KEEPING OPEN THE OPTIONS IN THE POLITICAL ARENA."

5. JORDAN. AS REGARDS POSSIBLE NEGOTIATION WITH JORDAN, ALLON BACKTRACKED FROM HIS EARLIER BLANKET ACCEPTANCE OF GOJ'S DISENGAGEMENT PROPOSAL. "I REMAIN LOYAL TO THE ALLON PLAN WITH CONTROL OF THE RIVER LINE AND THE HILLS BY

ISRAEL." HE ADDED THAT CONDITIONS ON THE EASTERN FRONT DO NOT RESUMBLE THOSE IN THE SOUTH, SO THAT THE PATTERN OF DISENGAGEMENT ON THE SOUTHERN FRONT DOES NOT APPLY. ANY SETTLEMENT REACHED WOULD BE A PREVENTIVE AGREEMENT, AIMED AT PREVENTING CONCENTRATIONS OF FORCES, IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR AN AGREEMENT ON A SEPARATION OF FORCES FOLLOWING MILITARY LASHES. HE OPPOSED STATIONING UNEF FORCES ON JORDAN RIVER LINE.

6. GENEVA CONFERENCE. ALLON PREDICTED REOPENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE IN A FEW MONTHS. WHILE OPPOSING PRESENTATION OF GOI PEACE MAP AT PRESENT, HE SAID, "HOUR IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING WHEN WE WILL HAVE TO PRODUCE SUCH MAPS."
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